

REMARKS

The last Office Action has been carefully considered.

It is noted that claims 1, 6, 8, 9, 14 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 over the patent to Lyons in view of the patent to Kikuchi and IEE Proceedings.

Claims 2 and 10-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over the patent to Lyons, Kikuchi and IEE Proceedings and further in view of DiValentin.

At the same time the Examiner indicated that claims 3 and 4 are allowable.

The Examiner's indication of the allowability of claims 3 and 4 has been gratefully acknowledged.

In connection with this indication, claims 2 and 3 has been canceled and claim 1 has been amended by introducing into it the features of claim 3 as well as the features of the intervening claim 2.

It is believed that claim 1 should be considered as allowable.

Claim 4 has been amended to depend on claim 1, and claims 6 and 8 were previously dependent on claim 1. Therefore claims 4, 6 and 8 should also be considered as allowable since they share the allowable features of claim 1. The other claims have been canceled without prejudice.

In view of the above presented remarks and amendments, it is believed that the present application should be allowed and such action is earnestly solicited.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application is most respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects in order to place this case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendments or corrections be carried out by Examiner's Amendment, and the case be passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be

helpful in advancing this case to allowance, he is invited to telephone the undersigned (at 631-549-4700).

Respectfully submitted,



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